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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY OPERATIONS COMMAND
ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL GRAINS IN NORTHERN CAMPAIGN

REF: ADDIS ABABA 3291

1. ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY OPERATIONS
COMMAND (NROC) ANNOUNCED LATE 30 JULY HTAT THE
503RD REVOLUTIONARY TASK FORCE HAD ADVANCED FROM
ADI CAIEH (14 52 N 39 22 E) NORTHWARD AND HAD
CAPTURED TSERONA AND MAI AHI ON 29 JULY AND
DECAMERE ON 30 JULY. NROC ALSO ANNOUNCED THE
RELIEF OF THE BESIEGED ETHIOPIAN GARRISON IN
BARENTU (15 08 N 31 37 E) BY THE 502ND TASK FORCE
ON 30 JULY AFTER THE CAPTURES OF THE TOWNS OF
SHAMBAKO AND SUZINA.

2. THE NROC 30 JULY ANNOUNCEMENT FURTHER UNDER-
LINED THAT ETHIOPIAN FORCES ARE NOT ONLY
CLEARING AREAS OF GUERRILLAS, BUT ARE ALSO BUSY
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RESETTLING, ORGANIZING AND POLITICIZING THE
POPULATIONS OF THE RECAPTURED AREAS (ADDIS
ABABA 3315).

3. ACCORDING TO 30 JULY AMHARIC-LANGUAGE RADIO
BROADCAST, PMGSE CHAIRMAN MENGISTU HAS ISSUED A
"REVOLUTIONARY" CALL TO ALL MISGUIDED INTELLEC-

TUALS RESIDING ABROAD TO RETURN TO ETHIOPIA TO
SERVE THE MOTHERLAND.

4. ETHIOPIAN FORCES (SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY
AND ARMOR) ARE SHOWING ABILITY TO ADVANCE ALONG
THE ROADS INTO ERITREA AND TO "CAPTURE" TOWNS
ALONG THESE ROADS. THE ERITREANS (EPLF IN CASE
OF BOTH BARENTU AND DECAMERE) APPEAR TO HAVE,
IN FACT, MADE TACTICAL WITHDRAWALS (AS ANNOUNCED
IN KHARTOUM) BEFORE THE ETHIOPIAN ADVANCE, RATHER
THAN REMAINING IN PLACE TO BE OVERRUN AND DES-
TRPYED. OF COURSE, THE TEST OF THE ETHIOPIAN
ADVANCES WILL BE THEIR SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE IN
KEEPING THESE ROADS OPEN AND EXPANDING THE AREAS
THEY SEIZED TO THE ROADLESS COUNTRYSIDE.

5. THERE IS STILL NO PUBLIC INDICATION OF A
PMGSE EFFORT TO COMPROMISE WITH ITS SECESSIONIST
OPPONENTS. PMGSE EFFORTS ARE BEING DIRECTED AT
CONVINCING THEM THAT THEY ARE "MISGUIDED",
USING BOTH MILITARY MEANS AND POLITICAL
AGITATION.
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